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SUBJECT: VORSTER'S REACTION TO YOUR PHILADELPHIA SPEECH

1. THE SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR HAS CALLED TO SAY THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS HAS GIVEN EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO THE "MORE NEGATIVE ASPECTS" OF YOUR PHILADELPHIA SPEECH. THE PRIME MINISTER WILL MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT TOMORROW IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH SOUTH AFRICAN DOMESTIC FEELING.

2. BOTHA TELLS US THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT WILL BE THE BARE MINIMUM. HIS REPLY WILL BE CALM AND HE WILL NOT REFER TO OR ATTACK YOU BY NAME. IN GENERAL TERMS, HE WILL SAY THAT SOUTH AFRICA WILL DECIDE WHAT HAPPENS INSIDE ITS OWN BORDERS AND WILL DETERMINE ITS OWN SOLUTIONS TO ITS PROBLEMS WITHOUT OUTSIDE GUIDANCE.

3. BOTHA WANTED YOU TO BE SURE THAT THE STATEMENT WILL "PRESENT YOU WITH NO PROBLEM." ROBINSON

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